

**CHAPTER NO. 256**

**SENATE BILL NO. 427**

**By Cooper, Burks, McNally**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1264**

**By Walker, Curtiss**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5001(d)(2), relative to adjustments of salaries for general sessions court judges when the county classification changes resulting in a county moving into a higher population as a result of the 2000 census or any subsequent census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5001(d)(2), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

If a county is in one class as provided in this section on September 1 of the year in which a judge is elected to office and after such date such county moves into a higher class on the basis of a subsequent census, the salary of such judge shall be determined by the higher classification for the remainder of the term for which the judge was elected and subsequent terms of office. In no instance shall a judge's salary, for a county moving into a higher classification, be less than the salary paid prior to the reclassification.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on September 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR